When her Belly was near full, her Thighs and Legs uſed to ſwell, and grew diſcoloured like an approaching *Gangren*; but both went off after tapping, by the help of Friction, and a warm Lotion.

The Bladder, and adhering part of the Liver, is drying, to be ſent you by the firſt opportunity.

There were four of the Faculty preſent with me, who can teſtify the truth of this Report.

IV. *A Deſcription of the Head of a monſtrous Calf. In a Letter from the Reverend Mr.* John Craig, *Vicar of* Gillingham *in* Dorſetſhire, *to* William Burnet, *Eſq; F. R. S.*

SIR,

THE ſtrangeneſs of the following Relation will eaſily excuſe me for troubling you ſo ſoon with another Letter. A Butcher did (this Morning) bring me in the Head of a Calf (which he had taken out of a Cows Belly.) The Upper Jaw was divided into two halfs, as far as to the *Dura Mater*: Each half had a diſtinct Eye and Noſtril: And the Under Jaw was bent round ſo entirely, that it lay exactly between the two halfs of the Upper Jaw, making the Tongue lye upon the Forehead, about two Inches above the Teeth of the Under Jaw, and in the Fiſſure of the Upper Jaw. This Preternatural Diviſion of the Upper Jaw was not covered with Hair, but with a *Cutis* of a florid Colour. The Calf was come to its full time, and made great ſtruglings when the Butcher knock'd the Cow on the Head; which by ſome Symptoms they judg'd would have

See Fig. 6.

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have dy'd in the Calving. It was ſo large a Calf, that an old experienc'd Butcher ſays, that he never ſaw but one ſo large at Calving: The Legs and Feet were as big as an ordinary Calf of 6 Weeks old. If the Butcher had had the Senſe to have opened the Cow immediately upon killing her, in all probability the Calf might have been ſaved alive. I have charged him, when he has done ſhowing it about, to let me have the opening of the Head, and then you ſhall have ſuch an account of the Brain, as my little Skill in Anatomy will afford.

Gillingham, March 25. 1712. *Yours,* J. CRAIG.

P. S. I had almoſt forgotten to tell you, that a full Week before the Cow was killed (upon apprehending that ſhe had a Dropſy) the Butcher cut a Hole in her Belly a little above the Udder, and thruſt in his Hand; but finding nothing extraordinary, ſowed up the Hole, and the Cow eat her Hay, and was as well as before.

March 26. This Afternoon the Butcher brought in the Calfs Head to me; and after we had cut the Skin (for there was no *Cranium*) that was expanded over the fore-part of the Cavity containing the Brains, I was ſurpriz'd to find, that there was very little Brains in it; I am ſure not ſo much as in a Rabbit: The whole Cavity is not big enough to hold an ordinary Walnut. This to me is the moſt ſurprizing *Phænomenon* of this monſtrous Head. The Butcher thruſting his Finger raſhly in, ſpoilt any Obſervation I could have made upon the Brains. I have made him cut all the Fleſh off, and hung up the Bones in their natural Poſition, *&c.*

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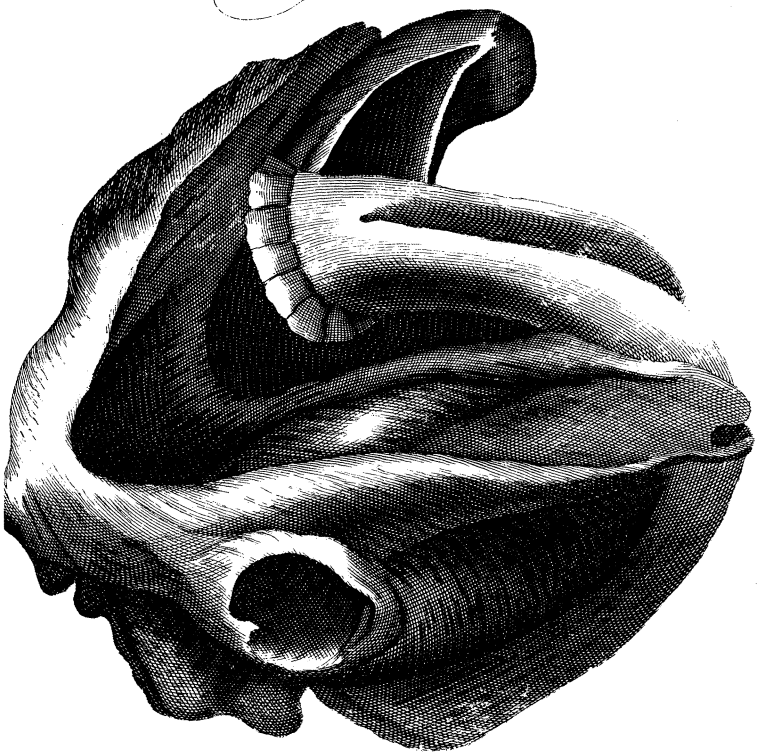
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